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27 KILLED IN LEBANON Leftists give Franjieh 10 days to step down

BEIRUT. — Leftist Muslims yesterday threatened to establish a revolutionary government if Christian President Suleiman Franjieh does not step down from office in 10 days.

Fighting in the year-old civil war at has left 16,500 dead and ruined the economy tapered off, but there still was sporadic shelling and shooting. Police said 27 persons were killed and 46 wounded throughout the country yesterday. Nine of the wounded were hit at St. Joseph's Hospital, in Dora, eastern Beirut, which was blasted by 15 mortar shells. Artillery also hit Beirut Airport, and shelling was reported in Nabatieh, a town in eastern Lebanon completely encircled by the Christians.

Meanwhile, Syrian-equipped troops of the Palestine Liberation Organization consolidated their hold along a so-called green line dividing Christian and Muslim forces in Beirut. Three trucks carrying 35 tons of arms crossed from the Christian east in eastern Beirut to western Beirut, where bread shortages were beginning to develop.

The chairman of the Electricity Department, Fuad Haki, said yesterday that Lebanon faced the possibility of a total blackout unless a truck took firm hold for at least three weeks.

Franjieh, the 65-year-old Christian leader clinging to office despite the passage of a parliamentary resolution allowing election of a successor, summoned his right-wing

Javits hints U.S. might impose peace

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Sen. Jacob Javits urged Israeli leaders yesterday to produce conciliatory proposals for an overall peace settlement, hinting that if the Middle East remained deadlocked the U.S. would impose a settlement on Israel.

The New York Republican ends his three-day visit here today. Before coming to Israel, he visited Cairo, Damascus and Amman and met with the national leaders in all three capitals.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, he met (separately) with Premier Rabin, Defense Minister Peres, Foreign Minister Allon, Finance Minister Rabinowitz, former Premier Golda Meir, and MKs Aharon Yariv, Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban. He lunched at U.S. Ambassador Toon's residence.

He brought no specific message from President Ford on the disputed "interim aid" question, but promised to report "honestly and eloquently" to his government on Israel's case for requesting the aid.

He told newsmen that case both on Israel's vital needs and on America's national interests. The Premier had not blamed anyone for the present dispute between Jerusalem and the Ford Administration, Sen. Javits said.

In a broad-ranging exchange of views with the Premier, Javits repeated his impression, culled during his tour of the Arab states, that the Arabs did not want war and were prepared to live with Israel. He said behind the 1967 borders and alongside a Palestinian Arab state.

The Arab leaders "recognize the fact that Israel is here to stay," Javits told an interviewer later. He found "no appetite for war" in Cairo or Damascus.

As an immediate prospect for progress, the senator cited the end-of-belligerency initiative, mooted by the U.S. Government earlier this year.

He noted that the recent West Bank elections and the resultant emergence of new leaders in that area, could also offer a new opportunity for dialogue.

Javits is understood to have reported to the Premier that in his view Syria would renew the UNDOF mandate next month — if only because Damascus is currently too embroiled in Lebanon to want tension on its Israeli border.



Defense Minister Shimon Peres greets U.S. Senator Charles Mathias in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Senator piqued at official 'protection'

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Ministry personnel insisted on accompanying U.S. Senator Charles Mathias to West Bank refugee camps to protect him — not to hinder him. Ministry officials explained their attitude yesterday following the Maryland Republican senator's public complaints — published in yesterday's "Washington Post" — that he had been barred from visiting the camps alone and meeting with residents of them and UNRWA personnel in privacy.

The "Washington Post" story, which the senator's staff in Washington apparently fed to the paper, seemed to cause a good deal of embarrassment in Jerusalem.

At the same time Israeli officials strenuously denied any intention to impinge upon the visiting senator's privacy or restrict his freedom of action or movement.

"Israel is a free country," one high official said. "Any visitor can meet with any resident of Israel or of the administered areas anywhere he likes, and speak freely and privately, without let or hindrance." Sen. Mathias, however, was the Foreign Ministry's official guest, and as such the ministry felt responsible for his safety and well-being, the official said. It was therefore considered unwise that he visit the refugee camps unescorted — especially in view of the recent unrest on the West Bank.

Sen. Mathias ends his visit to Israel today. He met yesterday with Premier Rabin and Defense Minister Peres and summed up his impressions after several days of studying Israel's defense and economic needs.

He said it was "ridiculous" to speak of a "low point" in Israel-

U.S. relations. The differences over the transitional aid were a "disagreement between friends," he said. It was quite wrong to believe that Ford, or the Republican Party, had given up the Jewish vote, as some pundits had written. At issue was not a cutoff of aid — but the question of whether the aid allocation for the 1976 extended budgetary year would be \$2.2 billion or \$2.7 billion. (See Fisher, p. 2.)

Privately, Israeli officials have expressed some chagrin at Sen. Mathias' meeting last week with PLO leader Yasser Arafat. They noted that another leading senator now visiting the area, Jacob Javits of New York, had declined to meet with PLO leaders — a stand consistent with official U.S. policy. Javits had been accorded a warm welcome in Arab capitals nonetheless, the officials remarked.

The "Washington Star" meanwhile reported yesterday that Sen. Mathias had credited the PLO with preserving order in those parts of Lebanon it controls, including the area near the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

He was also quoted as saying that "the PLO or Fatah are really the only ones providing any law and order, if you can so describe it, in that part of Lebanon where they are in control."

Civil service strike looms over perks

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A strike in the entire civil service seems inevitable, following a Histadrut decision yesterday that specific allowances be abolished in stages, by March 1978.

The 40,000 employees who do not receive these perks want the allowance to be abolished in six months' time, as the Barkai Committee recommended. Shmuel Kleiner, one of their leaders, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the consensus among the "have-not" leaders was to refuse to receive the allowance to be negotiated with the Government. The allowance should be completely abolished by March 1978, it was decided.

The committee rejected a motion by Mapam that the "have-nots" receive a 5 per cent wage increase and the others continue to collect their present allowances. It also turned down a proposal by the Independent Liberals that the allowance be abolished by October (as the Barkai Committee had recommended).

The Government and the Histadrut will now have to decide how much of the 5 per cent wage increase will be given this year and how much next year. The Treasury suggested a 2.5 per cent increase this year. Some Trade Union Department leaders recommended a 3 per cent wage increase this year and the rest in 1977. Others suggested a 4 per cent increase this year and 1 per cent next year.

The increase will be given to the 40,000 have-nots. Civil servants whose allowances are smaller than 5 per cent will get the difference. But specific allowances are as high as 15.5 per cent. They will be "absorbed" when cost-of-living allowances are increased: the 20,000 5 per cent wage increase for all civil servants in the coming two years, concurrent with the abolition

of the specific allowances.

The new policy is in line with a decision the Alignment's "resolutions committee" took last week.

The Central Committee endorsed a proposal by Uriel Abrahamowitz and Gideon Ben-Yisrael (Labour) that a timetable for abolishing the allowance be negotiated with the Government. The allowance should be completely abolished by March 1978, it was decided.

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Arab, African ministers score Zionism as racist

DAKAR. — Arab and African foreign ministers meeting here to prepare for the first Arab-African summit have adopted a draft declaration condemning colonialism, Zionism and apartheid.

The declaration echoed the terms of a resolution adopted last year by the UN General Assembly, denouncing Zionism as a "form of racism and religious discrimination." The Ivory Coast was one of the few Third World countries (Continued on page 3, col. 2)

No immediate Soviet threat, Kissinger says

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and analyst

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said yesterday that there is no "immediate threat" of Soviet intervention in the Lebanese conflict, but that such possibility exists if the fighting escalates into a full-scale Middle East war.

Addressing a State Department news conference on the eve of his trip to Africa the Secretary, for

the first time, warned against foreign intervention in Lebanon by countries in the area and "by countries outside the area."

Asked by The Jerusalem Post whether he was referring to the threat of Soviet involvement in the conflict, Kissinger warned that there is a general danger of a full-scale confrontation in the region if the fighting continues and that a new Middle East war would inevitably raise the spectre of Soviet

Fatah gang held in murder of Israeli driver

JENIN. — The 40 members of a Fatah gang said to be the most dangerous ever rounded up in Samaria were remanded on Tuesday on charges that include murdering an Israeli bus driver last year, security sources reported yesterday.

The main mission of the men, most of whom come from the Jenin district village of Methun, was to hinder local Arabs from working in Israel, the sources said. They added that the gang had no connection with the alleged group of extortionists said some time ago to have taken over the business of busing such workers. The terrorists had got their orders directly from superiors in Amman and Damascus, the sources said.

The men have reportedly admitted to the following:

- Ambushing and killing driver Yisrael Friedman of Pardes Hanna last May, just after he had dropped off the last of a group of returning Methun workers.
- Firing at Egged and Dan buses taking Arab workers to Israel.
- Attacking and burning local buses engaged in the same service.
- Firing on private cars and a bus, all belonging to Jenin residents, as these were passing Methun and Samaria.
- Burning cars that had been parked in the area by visitors from the Israeli Arab village of Beit Hanna.
- Burning the car of an Israeli who was visiting Samaria.
- Burning an Egged bus at Fudchumiya, near Jenin.
- Attacking a policeman in Jenin and stealing his papers.

Security sources said it was the last incident, a month ago, that had led them to the gang. After the policeman's attackers were identified, they led them to other members and to hideouts in the hills. Large quantities of arms were found there, along with leaflets warning Arabs not to work in Israel.

The suspects have since reconstructed the various attacks for Israeli interrogators, the sources said. (Titm)

Army fences Nablus Casba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Army workers in Nablus yesterday set up 10 iron barricades to seal off half the entrances to the old Casba marketplace, scene of many violent clashes recently between local residents and troops.

Red-bereted paratroopers, carrying sub-machineguns, patrolled the Casba as the welders, in olive drab fatigues, finished the work on what was described as the "hermetic gates" set up to control crowds in future disturbances.

The authorities next week face the dilemma of approving or vetoing the new West Bank mayors-elect, who were named by the municipal councils elected last week. With one exception — that of Bethlehem, where moderate Mayor Elias Frej retained his post — radical nationalists have taken over the West Bank's main towns.

Beduin gets Medal of Courage

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

A Beduin sergeant in the Israel Defence Forces, who was taken prisoner by the Egyptians in the Yom Kippur War and refused to give away secrets, although he was severely tortured, will be presented with the Medal of Courage at a ceremony in the Knesset next week.

The Chief of Staff will present a total of seven Medals of Courage, 28 Exemplary Conduct Medals and 25 citations to soldiers who distinguished themselves during and after the Yom Kippur War at the ceremony in the presence of the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister. Twenty-two of the awards will be posthumous.

This is the third batch of decorations to be awarded since the war — 282 soldiers have already been decorated, many posthumously. In addition, 87 soldiers were cited by the Chief of Staff.

The only recipient to be identified before next week's award ceremony is Samal Ibrahim el-Turshan, a Ne-



Ibrahim el-Turshan, as he looked when he first joined the army.

gev Beduin from the Arad area. Turshan, one of the many Beduin trackers in the IDF, was attached to a unit in the "Matzmed" fortress

on the Suez Canal when the war broke out.

According to the official citation, he fought together with the men of the fortress until it fell. While the other survivors of the battle were taken prisoner, Turshan hid, intending to escape back to Israel lines, but was taken prisoner after two days in hiding.

"Although the Egyptians had information about him, Turshan denied belonging to the IDF. He was subjected to the harshest of physical torture, but he did not break down and he gave no detail of information whatsoever to the enemy... displaying loyalty and great courage," the citation says.

Turshan is the adopted son of the Sheikh of the Atarah tribe. He is now 23 years old, married with three sons, and serving as a staff sergeant in the permanent army. An interview with Turshan by Nahman Shay of Israel TV will be broadcast on "Hashavim," tonight's newscast.

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Weather synopsis: Weak upper trough from Greece to Central Mediterranean, moving eastward.

Location	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	11-19	8-17
Golan	11-18	8-17
Nahariya	14-21	10-20
Safed	10-17	8-16
Haifa Port	16-20	13-20
Tiberias	9-26	12-24
Nazareth	14-19	11-21
Afula	11-22	11-22
Shomron	12-18	9-17
Tel Aviv	17-23	14-20
B.G. Airport	16-23	13-22
Jericho	14-30	14-28
Galilee	17-22	14-23
Beersheba	16-24	12-23
Eilat	17-24	18-25
Tiran Straits	19-26	18-25

Social and Personal

An Oneg Shabbat in English, will be held tonight at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8:45 Rabbi Ben-Zion Laplan and Mr. Shaul Ben-Haim of the Foreign Ministry will be speakers. Zvirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Mr. Haim Zohar as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lender will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Rabbi Yehuda Ansbacher and Alex Levine, settler from South Africa.

IN MEMORIAM

The seventh day after the death of the former Chief of Staff, R.A. David Elazar, will be marked at his graveside in the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery on Wednesday, April 25 at 2.30 p.m. (The ceremony is delayed because of the Passah festival.)

DEPARTURES

Mayor Villa Anderson of Norrköping, Sweden, after completing ceremonies connected with twinning his town with Petah Tikva.

Mendes-France due

Pierre Mendes-France, a former French premier, is due tomorrow afternoon for a visit. During his two-week visit he will tour extensively and meet the Prime Minister and senior ministers.

CBS complains riot film confiscated

THE CBS BUREAU in Israel has lodged a formal complaint with the authorities alleging that its television crew filming Arab riots in Nablus this week had had its film confiscated and destroyed. The incident is said to have occurred on Tuesday, during a demonstration against the Gush Emunim "Evacuate Israel March". The army spokesman had no comment on the report.

Fisher more hopeful about funds after secret meeting with Ford

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Republican fundraiser Max Fisher reportedly emerged from a secret meeting with President Ford earlier this week slightly more optimistic that the Administration will eventually work out a suitable compromise with supporters of Israel in the Congress over the matter of transitional aid to Israel this year. Fisher, a prominent American leader, met with Ford on Tuesday at the White House, presumably to convey Israel's concern over the President's decision to oppose the \$550m. funding included for Israel during the July 1-September 30 transitional quarter. Fisher was



MAPAM MINISTER Victor Shemtov, right, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a secretary and Labour Party secretary-general Meir Zarmi listen attentively to former Premier Golda Meir at yesterday's meeting of the Alignment executive. Mapam Secretary-General Meir Talmi holds his head in his hands. (SBS)

Alignment argument over attitude to Arabs

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Meir Talmi, general secretary of Mapam, crossed swords with Golda Meir and Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday, mainly on relations with the Arabs in Israel and in the administered territories.

They were speaking at a meeting of the Alignment executive, the first of a series of meetings requested by Mapam as a preliminary to renegotiating the eight-year-old Alignment agreement.

Talmi argued that the Alignment simply did not work, and that the Minister of Defence was giving in to Gush Emunim. He also maintained that the Pithat Rafiah settlement was carried out without due

compensation to the Beduin.

Peres responded that Israel had no need to be apologetic over its actions. Israel, he said, has done much more in the economic and cultural spheres, than has been done by any of the Arab states for their citizens.

Mrs. Meir observed that some quarters in the Labour Party were not too happy about the Mapam connection, and were asking themselves where it benefited the party. The coalition agreement as it stands, she stated, allowed the government to conduct talks leading to peace settlement, based on a territorial compromise in Judea and Samaria. "I am all for it, but where is the Arab party that agrees to talk?" Mrs. Meir asked. (Mapam — page 10)

Bnei Akiva issues call for wider settlement

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bnei Akiva national conference closed yesterday at Alon Shevut in the Etzion Bloc with a call for widespread settlement projects all over historic Eretz Israel. It urged Bnei Akiva members in Israel and the Diaspora to join settlement groups planning to go to areas where Jewish populations were most needed: Galilee, the Negev, Judea, Samaria, the Golan and the Sinai. Approaches.

Apart from the compulsory three years in the IDF, the conference said, Bnei Akiva members should do an additional period of national service.

vice in settlements, development areas, the Regular Army, yeshivot or movement projects.

The conference endorsed the Chief Rabbinate's ruling that the Temple Mount was Israel's sovereign possession and called on Bnei Akiva members to do nothing which would detract from the sanctity of the holy site.

Bnei Akiva is the youth movement affiliate of the Mizrahi organization associated here with the National Religious Party and Hachibutz Hadati religious kibbutz federation.

Peres, Ya'acobi approve free bus rides for soldiers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi agreed here yesterday on a scheme to let IDF soldiers ride free on interurban bus routes.

The scheme can commence operation only after the Minister of Finance adds his agreement.

A six-month survey of soldiers' travel will be conducted to help calculate exactly how much money the bus cooperatives will be paid in return for the free rides. The two ministers say that the co-ops will get 80 per cent of what the same travel would cost for civilians.

High Court order on Tamra council

THE HIGH COURT yesterday issued an order nisi calling on the Interior Minister to show cause, within 30 days, why he should not revoke his decision to dissolve the Tamra village council and to name an appointed committee to run the Arab village's affairs instead.

Eight of the old council's 13 members asked for the order. They said the council was due to meet on April 14 to remove mayor Zaki Diab from his post but the Interior Ministry moved a day earlier and dissolved the council, making Diab chairman of the appointed committee.

The eight said that the poor management of the village, adduced by the Interior Ministry as the reason for dissolving the elected council, was all the fault of Zaki Diab as mayor, yet despite this fact the Ministry saw fit to keep him in charge of Tamra's affairs. They charged the dissolution of the council was illegal, arbitrary, and contrary to the principle of representative local government.

(The eight council members sought to depose Diab because he objected to the March 30 "Day of the Land" strike organised by the New Communist Party.) (Itim)

Toledano: expropriation was avoidable

TEL AVIV. — The Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs, Shmuel Toledano, yesterday took issue with Israel Lands Administration charges that there had been no way to avoid expropriation of land for development in Galilee.

Interviewed on Israel Television, Toledano said there had been no serious negotiations with the owners of the land before expropriation. Some 2,000 owners were involved, and, to claim serious negotiations, the Authority should have talked to 800, or to at least 200, of them, he said.

He also denied the Authority's statement that alternative lands had been offered the landowners involved. The programme also included a statement from the Administration spokesman saying Mr. Toledano was not aware of the efforts the Authority had made to persuade Arab landowners to sell of their own free will. (Itim)

ISRAEL'S YOUTH football selected returned yesterday from its German Swiss tournaments, having taken fourth place among eight contenders.

Demolitions man dies on Golan in car explosion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GOLAN HEIGHTS. — A civilian demolition expert, Mordechai Bar-Gida, 46, of Haifa, died yesterday when his car blew up with a load of explosives and detonators near the Wase junction. Police are investigating.

Bar-Gida, a father of three employed by a large Haifa firm, was thought to have been carrying some 15 kilos of explosives.

An eye-witness told The Jerusalem Post that the blast blew the car to pieces, hurling some of them 50 metres.

Just before the explosion, several soldiers had argued hotly but in vain with Bar-Gida, trying to persuade him to take them as hitchhikers.

Police said they would check whether Bar-Gida had the requisite licences and equipment in his car for safe transport of explosives.

No threat from Soviet

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involvement. But he insisted that there was no "immediate threat" that this would develop.

On another issue, Kissinger was asked if the U.S. had changed its position on the PLO. "No," was the Secretary's curt reply. He was not specifically asked about President Ford's remarks earlier this week indicating a possible shift in the U.S. stand. The President had said, "Somehow, I feel we can make additional headway" in getting Israel and the PLO together; but he added that this was a decision for those two parties to make.

Regarding the on-again, off-again U.S. Hawk missile deal with Jordan, the Secretary maintained that discussions are continuing with Jordan and Saudi Arabia, which had originally agreed to finance the transaction, and that the deal had not collapsed. (See U.S. offers, page 1.)

Kissinger stressed the precarious situation in Lebanon, and the need for restraint by all the parties. He did not praise the Syrian role, as he has often done in the past, and he reiterated that the U.S. opposes all outside intervention.

The Secretary confirmed that Syrian troops had directly intervened, however, pointing out that there were Syrian soldiers — in small numbers — in the border areas. "It is not massive," he said.

He called for a "constitutional solution" to the Lebanese conflict that would retain Lebanon's sovereignty and political independence.

Asked about possible French involvement in settling the Lebanese conflict, Kissinger said that he would not raise the issue with France when he visits there following his African tour, but that he would be prepared to discuss the matter "if my French hosts raise it."

On the question of Africa, the Secretary warned that "irresponsible and impermissible" Soviet intervention in Africa remains a very dangerous element. He said the U.S. will resist irresponsible actions and has a military capacity to do so.

Kissinger said flatly that he would not be meeting with any of the White leaders of Rhodesia, where the Black majority is struggling for majority rule. Kissinger said that he would be meeting with Black African leaders as well as White leaders in southern Africa. "We recognize that a strong desire exists on the part of the Black African nations for majority rule," he said.

He added that he believed that it was still possible for Black majority rule to be achieved in Rhodesia.

Arab-Africa

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that voted with the U.S. against the UN resolution at that time.

The document also contained a 33-article programme for closer co-operation between the member states of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the Arab League.

The ministers decided to convene the first joint summit conference of the Arab League and the OAU early next year. The venue of the summit conference has not yet been fixed.

Some 59 African and Arab states took part in the ministerial conference, which was closed by Senegalese Prime Minister Abdou Diour who said that "Arab-African cooperation is an integral part of international cooperation." (Reuter, AP)

Our diplomatic correspondent adds: The resolution concerning Zionism was seen by observers in Jerusalem as a blow to hopes that African hostility towards Israel might be softening. Some African watchers here had felt of late that several African states, disillusioned by unfulfilled Arab pledges of aid, were becoming less compliant to Arab political pressure.

At Dakar, however, an attempt by Ivory Coast and Liberia to have Zionism excluded from the anti-racism resolution obtained scant support. The other African states were apparently anxious as ever to do the Arab's bidding.

Hillel: Room for more in Guard

RA'ANANA. — The Civil Guard now has 110,000-120,000 members, but there is room for many more, Police Minister Shimon Hillel said yesterday. Meeting with Guard members at the Orot Cinema here, he noted that, when the guard was founded a year and a half ago, there had not been enough equipment. Now it had all the arms and equipment it needed to take in many more volunteers in every settlement. (Itim)



MOROCCAN-style tea is taken by the Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at yesterday's Mimouna festivities in Jerusalem. Next to him is D. Mayor Akiva Azulai, himself of Moroccan origin. At back is Dayan, municipal employee who helped organize the festive who also works as a Jerusalem Post dispatcher. (I)

Sino-Egypt arms deal 'worrying'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

EGYPT'S new military agreement with China would seem to give the lie — at least to some extent — to President Sadat's recent claim that, without Soviet spurs, his arms will turn to "dust."

Officials in Jerusalem who pointed this out yesterday stressed that they were by no means certain that Egypt's Soviet source of arms supplies had indeed totally dried up. But if it had, China could step in to fill the gap in significant ways.

(China is already reported to have supplied Egypt free of charge with 30 jet engines and spare parts.)

The Israeli officials added that a Sino-Egyptian arms supply relationship would presumably threaten the burgeoning ties between Cairo and Washington.

The officials added a further cause for Israel concern at Sino-Egyptian friendship: China was even more militantly anti-Israel than the Soviet Union.

Steel workers prevent profits, Amit charges

TEL AVIV. — The managing director of the Koor concern, Amit, charged yesterday that workers in Acre's Steel City have been violently obstructing attempts to make the mills a paying business.

In a letter to Hevrat Ha'ovdim, Secretary General Efraim Reiner, Amit said that for more than two weeks the workers have been preventing the plant's manager and executives from working normally.

A press release by Koor added that, to prevent a shutdown during the Passah holiday, Koor ordered the manager, Uri Bar-Rakorn, not to enter the mills. Amit demanded that Hevrat Ha'ovdim take up the matter.

The mills have been losing money, and some three years ago Koor, a German Steel Company, agreed to invest \$135m. to help the plant get into the black. Development plans would necessitate interdepartmental shifting of workers, acquiring new foundry equipment and increasing productivity.

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Mimouna fete thinned by religious objections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MIMOUNA FESTIVITIES marked throughout the country today but, in the wake of religious circles, the centre in Jerusalem was more muted in previous years.

Posters warning against participation in the festivities in the name of the Cross were put in Jerusalem by "The Committee for the Defence of Holiness in Israel". The posters said that the M had been transformed from a religious celebration into "an circus festival."

Crowds in the Valley of the Gorge during the day-long celebration noticeably less than in previous years. Many families heeded committee's advice to celebrate Mimouna quietly in their own backyards. Moroccan families have been picnicking in San Park and elsewhere in the city.

In the Valley of the Gorge police band and Bukharan dancers were among the performers entertaining the crowd. There were fewer souvenir hawkers than previous years but pitch games were still a centre of attraction. Hundreds of families nickered on the slopes and in ad Sachar Park. Premier Yitzhak Rabin visited the celebrations in the afternoon.

Elsewhere in the country, 20,000 persons celebrated Mimouna in Ashdod. The Napoleon Forest one of four centres for Mimouna celebrations in the Acre area. Some 2,000 celebrated the holiday in the Biriya F.

THE HISTORIC farm ya Kinneret, where the founders many other settlements took first steps, is to be reconstructed and preserved. A public committee has been formed to handle project.

The unveiling of the tombstone for our dear sister and aunt
CLAIRE BABAD
will take place on Tuesday, April 27, 1976.
We shall meet at 4 p.m. at the entrance to Holon Cemetery.

We announce with sorrow the death of our mother and grandmother
FANNY OBERLAENDER
(née Oppenheimer)
The funeral will start from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem, at 12 noon on Friday, April 23, 1976.
In the name of the family
Tamar Stern née Oberlaender

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my beloved husband, our father and grandfather-to-be
DAVID ROSEN
The funeral took place on April 20 at Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. He will always be in our hearts.
Wife: Clara
Children: Stuart and Judy
Sister: Toba
And relatives
All friends of the David Rosen
Bakery Supply Co. of New York City

Cornerstone laid for big J'lem community centre
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The cornerstone of what promises to be a striking new community centre was laid yesterday in East Talpiot, Jerusalem.
Designed by Mexican sculptor Mathias Goeritz in conjunction with a Jerusalem architectural firm, Spector and Amisrael, the seven-storey structure will include observation points on two of its roofs offering views towards the Judean Desert and Bethlehem. A glass-enclosed elevator on its exterior will also permit visitors to scan the view. The building will include a 300-seat auditorium, a library and activity rooms.
The building will be part of a seven-dunam tract, that will include an elaborate play area for children dubbed the "Jerusalem Labyrinth."
Construction by the Jerusalem Foundation is expected to take two years.
The centre will be named in honour of Alejandro and Lily Salatiel who donated the funds for it. The Salatiels were present at yesterday's ceremony along with Mayor Teddy Kollek.
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Tel Aviv Council staff call strike

By SARAH HONIG

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TEL AVIV. — Some 4,000 municipal employees may go out on strike on Sunday if Mayor Shlomo Lahat does not rescind his decision to freeze the 10 per cent pay hike granted at the beginning of the year to 600 manual workers.

The strike will encompass the 12 departments in which the 600 men work. It will be an intensification of a walkout by the labourers begun at the beginning of the month.

If the expanded strike, does involve 4,000 employees, services of the engineering, lighting and water departments may be disrupted. The strike of the manual employees themselves has had very

little impact on the general public thus far.

The 600 employees in question, earning the lowest wages on the city payroll, were promised a 10 per cent wage rise. This would have cost IL2m. a year.

The Ministry of Interior saw this as a breach of the Government wage policy and reacted by denying the municipality its financial allotments to the tune of some IL7m. a month.

Mayor Lahat announced that he would be freezing the pay increases for the coming two months, until some sort of compromise with the Ministry could be found. The municipal workers union, refuses to accept this, and warns of a general strike if the pay increase is not granted by May 9.

Zorea, Laner to address Judea/Samaria settlement meet

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

RESERVE BRIGADIERS Meir Zorea and Dan Laner, both of them kibbutz members, will speak at a national conference advocating settlement in Judea and Samaria, which takes place at Moshav Elin Varad near Tel Mond tomorrow.

The conference was called by supporters of West Bank settlement in kibbutzim and mohevavim, to state their case in advance of the Cabinet's scheduled debate on the issue. The organizers plan to call for a massive settlement drive in Judea and Samaria, headed by the existing kibbutz and mohevav frameworks.

However, the secretaries of the two big kibbutz federations, Ihud Hakibbutzim and Kibbutz Meuhad, announced in Tel Aviv yesterday that their frameworks did not support the conference in any way and that the spokesmen at the conference were there entirely on their own initiative.

Hoodlum wrecks T.A. cafe unhindered

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There were dozens of patrons sitting outside the Aviv coffee house, and several inside, while a young hoodlum inside was wrecking the place, but no one came to the help of the owner, 65-year-old Ben-Zion Lipshitz.

Lipshitz told The Jerusalem Post that a young man, whom Police later identified as an army deserter, well-known to them, first approached him on Monday of this week. Entering the Behov Yehuda Hamaasabi coffee house, he demanded IL1,000 or else he would close the business down. "Who are you?" Lipshitz asked. "What have I got to do with you?"

The man left, threatening to return the next night. On Wednesday evening he came into the coffee house again. It was approximately 11:30 p.m. "I'm going to burn this place down," he told Lipshitz, and demanded money from him. When Lipshitz refused to pay, he began smash-

ing and throwing equipment about. Lipshitz made a move to restrain him, but drew back when he saw the young man place his hand on his hip where a knife was tucked under his belt.

In the course of his rampage, the young tough smashed a window with his bare hand and began bleeding profusely. Friends, who evidently had been hanging around outside, came in and took him to Tel Hashomer Hospital. After treatment, the young man left. Police are still looking for him.

When the young man left the cafe, Lipshitz managed to call the Police, who arrived and arrested four other youths who, they claim, are friends of the chief suspect.

Lipshitz has owned and run the coffee house since 1962. "This is the first time something like this has ever happened to me. Now I'm afraid that that criminal will come back again with his friends," he said.

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17 Rosh Ha'ayin men charged with rioting

TEL AVIV. — Seventeen residents of Rosh Ha'ayin were charged in the District Court yesterday in connection with the big riot in February to demand more State aid for housing.

The 17, in their late teens and early twenties, were charged with stoning policemen and burning police vehicles. After roadblocks were put up at the entrance to Rosh Ha'ayin near here on the morning of February 6 and the police came to clear them, hundreds of local residents including schoolchildren gathered and prevented the police from opening the road.

Later, when a train approached at the level crossing at the town, the townfolk stoned the train and prevented it from driving on. According to the charge sheet, police warned the demonstrators over a megaphone to disperse. When they stayed put, and police began to break up the crowd, the 17 suspects allegedly attacked them.

All 10 witnesses for the prosecution are policemen. (Itim)

Woman's body found in Kfar Shalem

TEL AVIV. — The body of a woman, aged around 60 years, was found yesterday near the creek on Rehov Bnei Brak in the Kfar Shalem quarter here.

Police found no apparent signs of violence on the body, and sent it to the Abu Kheir Forensic Medicine Institute for autopsy. The woman wore Oriental-type clothing.

Governor testifies:

'Levinger said he'd quell Hebron rioters'

RAMALLAH. — Hebron military governor Ze'ev Bloch told the military court here yesterday that on the morning of March 17 — a day of Arab rioting in Hebron — he had asked Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron's Jewish suburb Kiryat Arba not to cause any provocations.

The Rabbi, who is on trial for insulting an officer in downtown Hebron later that day, had answered that Hebron would be quiet thanks to Kiryat Arba, Sgan-Alur Bloch said. Rabbi Levinger had added, he continued, that if there were any rioting "we'll be able to quiet them."

This, however, was about as close as the governor, who had been called by the defence, was able to get to the specific charges. These are that Rabbi Levinger had refused to leave an area in which rioters had set up roadblocks, had hindered a unit from acting and had called out "you're not normal, you're hysterical, a murderer" to the unit's commander, Segen Giora Shitreichman.

Most of the defence questioning, which went on until well into the evening, referred to the general relations between the governor and Kiryat Arba. The court had turned down a prosecution objection that it was irrelevant, stating that it did not have a basis for determining what was relevant and what not.

Among other things, the governor said that Kiryat Arba residents were free to move about at will in Hebron, and agreed that they were dependent on services from the Arab town. They were, also, entitled to carry arms there, but only for their own protection.

On the other hand, there were times of tension when they — like Jews from the rest of the country — were barred from the town.

The prosecutor, Rav-Seren Moshe Farkash, objected when the defence attempted to get the governor to say whether he regarded Kiryat Arba as part of Hebron or as a separate municipality. The court, however, permitted the question when the defence rephrased it in terms of what the relations were between Kiryat Arba and the military government. Sgan-Alur Bloch answered that they were good, although there had been incidents in which Kiryat Arba residents had disturbed the peace in the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

In this connection, he said that while on some occasions Rabbi Levinger had helped to calm the situation, on others he had not — in particular in a case when Kiryat Arba residents danced at the Tomb. (Itim)

'Two-in-one' lottery tickets turn up in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Mifal Hapayis yesterday promised to honour any winning number that may turn up on a series of lottery tickets inadvertently printed with two different numbers. It acted after a Kiryat Motkin man had notified it that he had bought three tickets each bearing two numbers which differed by ten.

Rafael Tiro, 26, bought the three tickets last Friday at a Kiryat Bialik lottery stand. When he got home he found that one bore the numbers 599040 and 599050, another 599022 and 599012, and the third 599020 and 599030. On Sunday he went back to the stand and tried to buy the rest of the defective series. But he was refused when the ticket seller realised the error. Tiro then contacted Mifal Hapayis headquarters here and was told that any winning number on his ticket would be honoured.

Mifal Hapayis director Moshe Talmon told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he did not know how many tickets had been printed with double numbers. But he stressed

that whoever held such tickets had actually bought two for the price of one.

Asked what would happen if one of the numbers in question also appears on another Mifal Hapayis ticket, Mr. Talmon promised that the lottery would pay both winners, if any.

A similar mistake occurred several years ago, it has been learned. Talmon said that with 50 million tickets to print a year, such regrettable mistakes were possible. He promised that, once the unsold remainder of the defective series had been received from Kiryat Bialik, a full-scale investigation of the error would be launched at the Government Printer's, where they are produced.

Talmon sounded peeved that the media had found the mishap so interesting. "With Javits in the country and the situation up north, aren't there more serious matters that newspapermen should find interesting than such a minor mishap?"

Hoteliers protest Kol's 'surrender' to El Al

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the Hotel Association Owner Federation yesterday protested against what they termed "the wholesale surrender of the Minister of Tourism to El Al's dictates on charter flights." They claim that the Minister, Moshe Kol, had deliberately prevented a member of the federation from joining the committee appointed by the Transport Ministry to finalise charter flight policies.

The hoteliers are particularly upset by what they consider a lack of balance in the committee, composed as it is almost entirely of El Al top executives and Transport Ministry officials.

This, according to David Oren, chairman of the hoteliers' charter committee, enables El Al and the

Transport Ministry to delay the implementation of governmental pro-charter resolutions. As one example, Oren cited the fact that neither El Al nor the ministry had to date published the reduced fares for youngsters and students from the U.S., in spite of the fact that such an announcement was already 30 days overdue, similarly the Transport Ministry has as yet made no announcement concerning introduction of U.S. servicemen's charter flights from Germany or landing rights here for charter flights from Los Angeles although these should have been started by May 17.

THE HEBREW University is marking the centenary of the publication of "Daniel Deronda" by George Eliot, with a series of public lectures to be held at the Belgium House Faculty Club in the Givat Ram campus on Monday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. The lecturers include Prof. Laurence Laner of the University of Sussex; Prof. Hillel Daleski, Prof. Baruch Hochman and Dr. Aviva Gottlieb, all of the Hebrew University; Dr. William Baker of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and Dr. Allan Mintz.

Surviving Savoy terrorist takes stand in trial

LOD. — The lone survivor from the eight-man Arab terrorist gang that attacked Tel Aviv's Savoy Hotel last year — Musa Alatala, 24 — told a military court here yesterday that he and his comrades had aimed to capture hostages to exchange for fellow terrorists in Israeli jails. But the Jordanian Fatah member pleaded that they had not intended to kill anyone.

Besides the terrorists, 11 people were killed in the March 5, 1975 attack. Reports at the time said the terrorists had killed three of their victims as they shot their way in from the beach where they had landed in a rubber dinghy near midnight.

Alatala had been preceded to the stand by the four men caught the day after the attack off Tel Aviv in what security forces said was the terrorists' mother ship. The operation alleged commander, Hamed Darwish, (a Syrian citizen)

claimed that his statement to police had been extracted under duress. The same claim was made by the other three — Egyptian sailors Issa and Maher Attidi, and their cousin Muhammad Haki. The defence also put on the stand two of the hostages. One, Avraham Asikri, said the terrorists had loosened his bonds when he was injured by a gunshot. But Asikri added that they had placed an explosive charge beside his bed, and that he managed to get away only moments before the charge went off, demolishing a good part of the Rehov Geula building.

At the request of the defence, the court postponed the next session to a date to be set later. (Itim)

Tnuva exports 19.1 million citrus crates

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — By the end of last week, Tnuva had exported 19.1 million citrus crates during the season. This was 44 per cent of all the citrus exports up to that time, David Sandu, chairman of the board of Tnuva Export, reported at a recent board meeting here.

Sandu said that grapefruits are a main problem this year. Although there is a continuous growth in yields, sales in European markets are not increasing at the same rate, he said.

The board criticised the Citrus Marketing Board for not doing more to increase the use of pallet containers for the export of citrus which reportedly could save a government millions of dollars a year. The board also discussed IL15m. investment programme to increase the efficiency of 27 chaging houses of Tnuva Export, only by introducing more automated packaging machines.

3 shipping lines on Haifa-Europe run

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LIFA. — Three shipping companies, two Greek and one Italian, operating regular 10 to 14-day voyages between European ports and Haifa, with four passenger ships for the season which has been resumed.

Yesterday, the Greek s.s. Apollo arrived with over 500 passengers, most of them tourists, including 410 Dutch pilgrims who toured the country for 10 days.

Dowdeswell v Thamin semi-final

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

MAT HASHARON. — Top-seed Colin Dowdeswell of Rhodesia yesterday the only player to reach his allotted place in the men's singles semi-finals of the \$10,000 Pessah international tennis championships here. Tomorrow Dowdeswell meets France's Jacques Thamin in the semi-final, with Canadian Rafael Nadal facing Terry Rocavert, of Australia, this afternoon. In the semi-final, the other three finalists are all unseeded.

First on court today at 1.30 are new Israel Tennis Centre will the women's singles semi-final between Federation Cup players Ginnie Elliot, of New Zealand, and Anne's Nathalie Fuchs, both ranked second in their respective countries. The winner meets Israeli champion Paulina Pelsachov in the final on Sunday. Pelsachov yesterday defeated top local junior Hagit Tamari 7-5, 6-1 in the semi, after trailing 2-5 in the opener.

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Soviet aliya activists hold joint sedarim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Several large-scale Pessah sedarim were held in various Soviet cities by aliya activists on the eve of the holiday, but other gatherings such as scientific seminars are being increasingly hindered, according to reports from the Soviet Union.

In many of the Soviet cities, activists chose to gather for large Seder ceremonies, rather than hold small private ones. The largest one is reported to have been held in Moscow, where some 60 activists gathered around the Seder table, with Tiva Essas reading most of the Haggada portions.

At the same time, the authorities are continuing to crack down on scientific seminars held by Jewish scientists dismissed from their posts. Seminars in various cities have been disrupted by sudden visits from the Police, claiming that neighbours have complained of disturbances of the peace.

In the Ukrainian city of Kiev, KGB men have for the past several weeks been preventing participants from entering the flat of Kim Friedman, where one of the seminars takes place.

In Moscow one prominent activist, Prof. Benjamin Fain, was dismissed from his post at a solid state physics laboratory, on the pretext of unexcused absence from work and this despite the fact that his scientific staff at the laboratory do much of their work at home.

In other reports from the USSR, it is reliably learned that the father of Prisoner-of-Zion Yuri Vudka was

denied a visit with his son when he showed up at the Perm hard-labour camp where his son is incarcerated. The wardens even refused to take a food pack which the father had brought along with him, to the young prisoner although he was clearly entitled to it according to regulations. Yuri Vudka, a student in the Russian Institute of Radar Technology, was arrested in 1969 and sentenced to seven years imprisonment on charges of anti-Soviet activity. During the trial the judge accused him of being a nationalist, to which Vudka replied: "If a nationalist is some one who demands for his people text-books, culture and a homeland, then I am the first nationalist." Vudka was held for years in the notorious Vladimir prison outside Moscow, and was recently reported to have been moved to the Perm hard-labour camp.

The wife of another Prisoner-of-Zion, Lev Roitburd from Odessa, was granted a half-hour interview with her husband but was only allowed to speak to him through a glass partition. She was told that she would be granted a long interview only when the first year of Roitburd's two-year sentence is up. Roitburd was tried last summer on charges of resisting arrest when he was at Odessa Airport bound for Moscow, where he was to meet with a delegation of U.S. Senators then touring the Soviet Union. Roitburd was not tried in a regular courtroom, but in front of a jeering crowd at the airport employees' club.

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Giscard tells students Bomb blasts reforms will stand Cuba mission in Portugal

PARIS. — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing yesterday took a firm line with France's striking students, pledging to maintain the education reforms they oppose and warning them they risk forfeiting their university degrees.

In his first formal press conference for 18 months, he called on France's 800,000 students to return to classes or face the consequences. Just as workers lost their pay when they went on strike, 90 student strikers ran the risk of being barred from taking their examinations late next month, the President stated.

He said he had no fears that the present wave of student unrest might develop into a repetition of the May 1968 student-worker uprising which almost overthrew General de Gaulle's government.

"There is no reason to withdraw the reforms. They will not be modified," he declared.

As he spoke, some 10,000 high school and college students staged a protest march in Paris as a prelude to mass demonstrations organized here for today against the government plan to tailor university courses to industrial needs. A counter-demonstration by anti-strike students drew only about 1,000 supporters.

A newspaper public opinion poll showed that less than half of the Frenchmen canvassed believed that Giscard could manage a crisis like that of the 1968 riots. The poll had 48 per cent expressing confidence

in the President, a drop of two per cent in a month.

Giscard also said yesterday that the current attempt of the French Communist Party to dissociate itself from the Soviet Union is only an electoral tactic.

Replying to a question, the President said the Communist Party "for the first time in a long time has had the idea it can accede rapidly to the responsibilities of government and it now conducts all its actions in this direction."

"The self-proclaimed transformations by the French Communist Party are an electoral tactic," he said.

He cited two examples of what he called "proof" of this assertion:

● Dropping the dictatorship of the proletariat phrase. "It disappeared in a few days without discussion," he said, "because it seemed like a suitable tactic."

● The apparent move by the Communists away from the Soviet Union "only on questions that could touch the French electorate." Thus, he went on, the Soviet Union's Angola policy was never challenged, while the French party made statements dealing with the Soviet attitude on civil liberties.

Giscard complained that the Communists and their Socialist allies had refused all dialogue with the government majority. "I think that's projecting a bad image of France... This attitude is to be condemned and criticized."

(Reuters, UPI)

S. Africa denies halting military aid to Rhodesia

CAPE TOWN. — South African Prime Minister John Vorster yesterday denied in Parliament that South Africa has decided to halt military aid to neighbouring white-ruled Rhodesia.

Vorster was commenting on a report published yesterday in "The Times" of London which said South Africa had decided last month to stop military aid to Rhodesia. He would not, however, reveal what military aid has or has not been supplied to Rhodesia in the past or what South Africa would provide the embattled Rhodesians in the future.

The South African leader also denied meeting with Rhodesian defence Minister P.K. Van Der Bly last month as reported in "The Times."

Vorster said van der Bly was in South Africa last month but had held no discussions with senior officials.

The "Times" report had also said that South Africa would not withdraw 34 French-built helicopters it now has on loan to the Rhodesian forces. There was no official reaction in Salisbury, the Rhodesian capital, to the report, but observers there said there still appeared to be close military liaison between South Africa and Rhodesia. A South African military aircraft was seen on the ground Wednesday at Fort Victoria, headquarters of the hunt for guerrillas operating in the south of Rhodesia.

Despite one of the biggest man-

hunts in Rhodesian history, there have been no confirmed reports that Rhodesian troops have found any guerrillas. Action by the latter caused the main road to South Africa to be temporarily closed at the beginning of the week.

Vorster vowed yesterday to seek stronger economic ties with "middle level" nations following the recent agreement signed between South Africa and Israel. He told Parliament he would do everything in his power to negotiate new pacts, saying "at least a dozen" middle-level nations could benefit from greater cooperation with South Africa. But he declined to name them.

Vorster pointed out that rich countries are normally able to look after themselves economically while poor countries are financially supported by wealthy nations and funds from international organizations. As a result, middle ranking countries suffer, he said.

He said it had long been his view that differences in political policy or outlook should not be a bar to economic cooperation.

South Africa and Israel would draw mutual benefit from their agreement, he predicted, and it was an example which could be followed by other "middle ranking powers."

Vorster said that under the agreement with Israel the two nations would cooperate on agricultural methods, cattle diseases and "numerous other matters," including a possible scheme for desalination of sea water.

(AP)

LISBON. — A powerful bomb blast at the Cuban Embassy in downtown Lisbon yesterday killed two people and gravely injured four others.

A spokesman at the Sao Jose Hospital said one dead man was a Cuban. The other victim was a Portuguese woman.

In critical condition at the emergency room were four Portuguese, one of them reported to be a passerby.

The explosion wrecked the fifth and sixth floors and knocked out windows and doors on the fourth, littering the street below with shattered glass.

Cuba has been a source of controversy in Portugal since Fidel Castro sent more than 10,000 soldiers to Angola to fight for the pro-Soviet MPLA guerrilla movement. There are hundreds of thousands of Portuguese refugees in Portugal who blame the Cubans for the loss of their homes, status and livelihoods.

Riot police in heavy protective gear sealed off the building where the Cuban Embassy is housed. A large crowd gathered out front and a young man with a moustache led some of them in a chant of "Death to Fascism" before police pulled him from his perch on the ladder of a fire truck.

Security reinforcements were immediately deployed at all key embassies and the Foreign Ministry issued a statement strongly condemning "all terrorist action."

The statement promised adequate protection to all diplomatic missions in Lisbon.

The explosion came just three days before Portuguese vote in the first free parliamentary elections in 50 years.

One official source commented: "I am sure we can expect further such attacks between now and Sunday. They are extremely hard to stop, despite all security precautions we may take."

Official sources indicated they believed the bomb attack was the work of right-wing extremists.

(AP, Reuters)

Bomb blast in Boston injures 18

BOSTON. — At least 18 persons were injured yesterday when a bomb exploded in the Suffolk County courthouse in what appeared to be a racially motivated attack. Police said an injured man lost a leg.

A woman who made a telephone warning 20 minutes before the blast referred to the pending case of a black man accused of murdering several white women university students in Boston four years ago, police said.

An official said a voluntary evacuation was begun after the warning. But he said at least 50 such threats have been received in the last year and workers were allowed to stay in the building if they so chose. Many did stay, apparently thinking the warning was a hoax.

(AP)



Garbage as well as people piled up at Tokyo's Ikebukuro Station during the nationwide rail strike which ended yesterday. The strike stranded 37 million people, including the garbage collectors. (AP radiophoto)

Lockheed scandal rocks Italy, deepening crisis

ROME. — The nation's newspapers yesterday accused an ex-Prime Minister of involvement in bribe payoffs from the giant U.S. Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

The allegations, splashed over the front pages of every major Italian newspaper, said U.S. government documents submitted to a parliamentary committee Wednesday implicated an unnamed ex-premier in alleged Lockheed payoffs to Italian politicians and generals between 1965 and 1969, to promote sales of the company's planes.

Current Prime Minister Aldo Moro, President Giovanni Leone and Foreign Minister Mariano Rumor, all Christian Democrats, served as premier during those years.

All three immediately denied any involvement in Lockheed payoffs.

Rumor told reporters: "I indignantly reject the slanderous insinuations against me and my state in the most firm and absolute way, I did not interfere or exert pressures of any kind or in any capacity in favour of Lockheed for the purchase of Hercules (transport) planes."

Aides to Leone rejected allegations against him. They said that under Leone's premiership Lockheed failed in a bid to sell Orion F3 planes to Italy, which bought French-made Atlantic planes instead.

The Lockheed scandal came as Christian Democratic secretary Benigno Zaccagnini met with Communist chief Enrico Berlinguer and other rival party leaders in a final effort to draw up a legislative and economic programme that would avert early parliamentary elections, possibly in June.

Although the pro-U.S. Christian Democrats have refused to consider any government role for the increasingly powerful Communists, they agreed recently to consultations with the opposition party on a major policy.

(UPI)

Troops kill protester in Addis Ababa India says five killed in rioting

ADDIS ABABA. — Soldiers opened fire to break up a small demonstration here yesterday, the day after the government announced it would permit peaceful demonstrations. One protester was killed.

Eye-witnesses said soldiers arrived on the scene after the 200 demonstrators marched in orderly fashion to a city square. The troops fired seven shots, the eye-witnesses said.

About 50 people were taken away in trucks, while the blood-stained body of the man who was killed was put in an ambulance. The clash occurred the day after Ethiopia's military rulers issued a political programme which included the right of peaceful demonstration for groups which were "anti-feudal, anti-bureaucratic capitalist and anti-imperialist."

Although the core of the demonstration was a local matter, the running of the National Theatre and the Ministry of Culture — banners carried by some of the demonstrators dealt with wider political issues. Some called for democracy in Ethiopia.

For some time after the demonstration ended, police and soldiers with a variety of arms remained on the scene. There were no further incidents.

(Reuters)

NEW DELHI. — The government of India yesterday broke its silence on the New Delhi riots and officially said five persons were dead as a result of the violence on Monday.

But other sources put the death toll at a minimum of 10, with hundreds more injured and hundreds arrested.

A press note issued by the Home Ministry said police opened fire after three policemen were stabbed and 30 government officials injured by bricks thrown from roofs in a slum clearance project.

The government said the riots broke out during "demolition of unauthorized structures" in several parts of the Indian capital.

It made no mention of the family planning programme going on in the area. Residents said the riots started when officials told them they would receive new housing from the government only if they were sterilized.

The rioting was the worst outbreak since Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed a state of emergency throughout India last June 26.

(UPI, AP)

Ingmar Bergman quits Sweden

STOCKHOLM. — Saying that he will not be led around like a cow and suffer threats and harassment by tax officials, Sweden's world famous movie director Ingmar Bergman announced yesterday that he has gone into exile.

Bergman, 58, left the country after a 2½-month battle with the Swedish Revenue Department, which included his arrest for tax fraud.

The newspaper said he was hospitalized for a subsequent nervous breakdown, and then being cleared of the charges.

In an open letter to the Swedish people copyrighted by the Stockholm newspaper, "Expressen," Bergman said the last straw came when tax officials decided to reopen his case April 2.

In the letter, Bergman said he was terminating all his projects and engagements in Sweden and leaving the country.

The newspaper said he was already out of Sweden. He was reported to be staying with friends in Paris.

(UPI)

Around the world

Japanese rail strike over

TOKYO. — More than half a million Japanese railway workers in a crippling two-day strike yesterday, accepting their smallest centage wage hike in more than a decade.

Both private and public railway workers were ordered to return to their jobs, ending a walkout that stranded 37 million commuters, crippled retail business and littered Tokyo sidewalks with tin garbage.

Unions representing 230,000 workers of major private railway companies accepted a pay increase of \$40.60 or 9.2 per cent. 280,000 workers of the government-supported Japan National Railway accepted a monthly boost of \$42.70 or \$45 per cent.

The agreements meant a virtual end to this year's "spring struggle" between labour and management over wage contracts. Observers the basic issue this time was the government's insistence on wage hikes under 10 per cent.

All private railways were operating normally later yesterday.

Rosenberg sons get medals

EAST BERLIN. — The East German Peace Council has awarded its Peace Medal to Robert and Michael Meeropol, the sons of a Soviet spy Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the East German service ADN reported.

ADN said the medal also was awarded to Morton Sobell who convicted with the Rosenbergs, and to Marshall Perlin, the sons' father Robert Meeropol, Sobell and Perlin attended the ceremony Wednesday in East Berlin, ADN said. The Rosenbergs were convicted of conspiracy to commit wartime espionage and executed in 1953. Sobell was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. He was released in 1958. They were charged with giving Russia secrets.

Jordan, Libya resume relations

AMMAN. — Libya and Jordan decided yesterday to resume diplomatic relations, it was officially announced here.

Libya cut relations with Jordan in September 1970 and suspended payment of a \$16m. annual subsidy in protest against a government military drive against Palestinian terrorist groups here.

A Libyan-Jordanian communiqué said the two countries were in relations "in order to serve the interests and causes of the nation." It said that every effort must now be made to close "against attempts to hinder the achievement of the Arab goal of total liberation" of territories occupied by Israel.

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Seven executed in Niger

NIAMEY, Niger Republic. — Seven persons sentenced to death leading an attempted coup against President Seyni Kountché executed by firing squad in the Niger capital Wednesday, the government announced.

A military court convicted them earlier this month as ring leaders of the abortive March 15 coup. The executed men included army officers, as well as Ahmed Mouddoudi, secretary general of the National Union of Workers, and Kirsia Doube, former of the government intelligence agency.

Two other alleged ringleaders are still being sought by police. A tribunal sentenced 22 other alleged conspirators to life imprisonment and eight accused to shorter prison terms.

Ireland outlaws IRA march

DUBLIN. — The Irish Government has declared illegal a big planned in Dublin next Sunday by the Provisional Irish Republican Army to mark the 60th anniversary of the 1916 Easter uprising.

The decision was regarded as the Government's most serious yet to the Provisionals, who fight with guns and bombs Northern Ireland to be integrated into Ireland.

The parade is not being banned outright as there is no authorizing such an order. But there is a law that says a convicted of a link with an illegal event can be fined up to £100 for three months, or both.

The Provisionals expected big crowds at the parade.

Liverpool, Rangers soccer rivals

LONDON. — It's now a straight fight between Liverpool and Park Rangers for the English soccer championship, with Li the favourites.

Manchester United's hopes ended Wednesday night with home defeat by Stoke.

Liverpool leads the standings with 58 points and Queen's Rangers is one point behind. Each team has one game to go.

The pressure will be on Rangers tomorrow when they face at home. Rangers have to win this one to keep their title alive, and even then they would have to count on Liverpool their last game — away to Wolverhampton on May 5.

A draw will not do for Rangers. If the teams finish at points, the title will be decided on goal average, and Liverpool is better than Rangers — 2.10 compared with 1.8.

Meanwhile, Manchester United still hopes to win the English title, against second division Southampton, is at W. Stadium on May 1.

Taiwan bus-train crash kills 40

TAIPEI, Taiwan. — A passenger train crashed into a bus carrying scores of junior high school children on Wednesday, killing 40 and injuring 42, a police spokesman said. The students were on way home after classes.

One train passenger was injured and all of the other victims aboard the bus, the spokesman said.

The collision near a village in Changhua was Taiwan's worst accident since a train-bus crash July 9, 1961, killed 40 persons injured 29 others.

Police blamed the accident on the 22-year-old driver of the bus, Yi-heing, saying he drove past the warning signal at the crossing was among those who died.

Spanish vote set June 26

MADRID. — The government of King Juan Carlos will call Spain to the ballot boxes on June 26 to vote on democratic reform and the late Generalissimo Franco's decision to turn Spain into a monarchy under the name "Cambio 16" said yesterday.

There was no official confirmation of the report, but government sources privately said it reflected current plans. Prime Minister Arias Navarro is scheduled to address the nation in a televised speech before April 30 to announce the date and contents of the referendum.

The June date would be about seven months after Franco's death which set in motion a government programme for step-by-step re-

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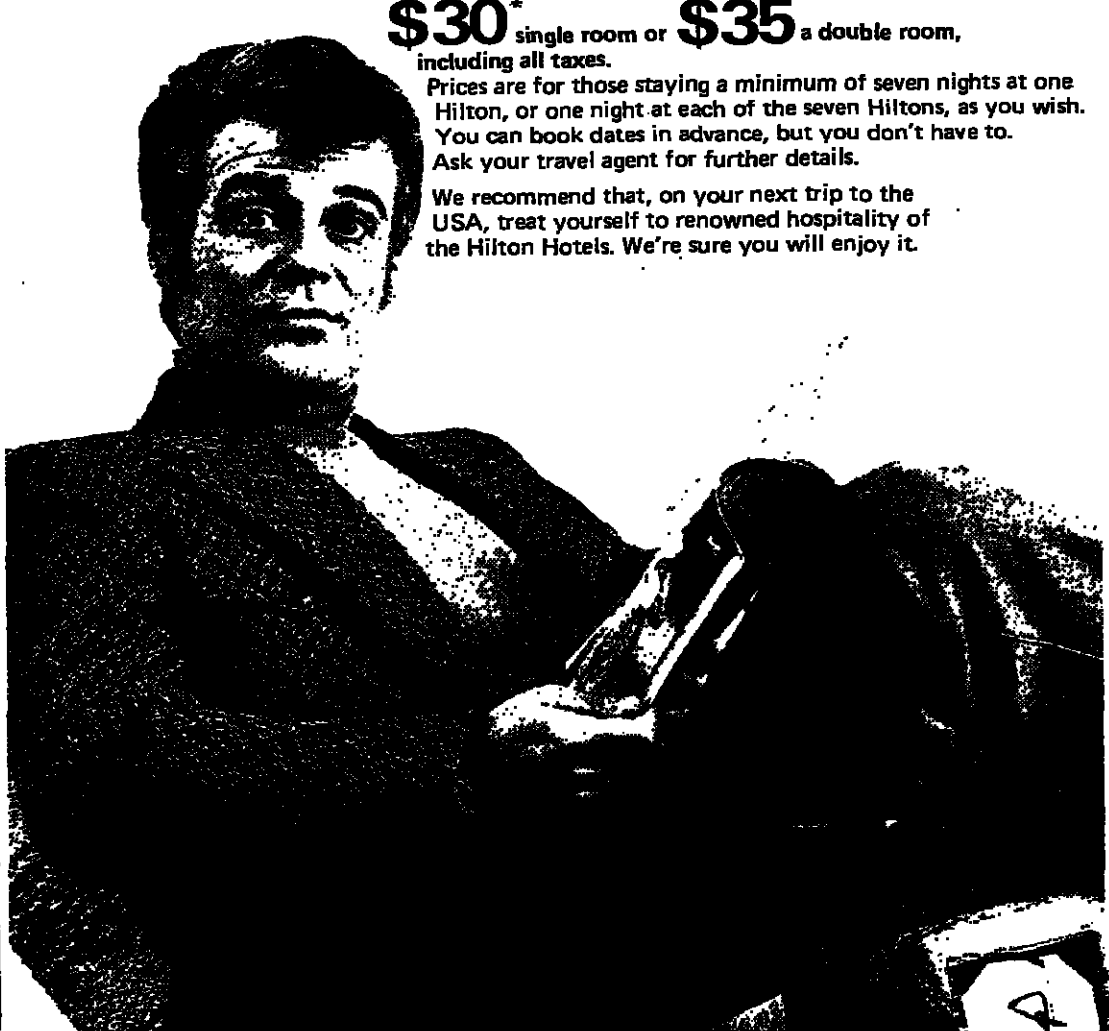
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MURDER IN THE AIR

Here is a second and final extract from Theodore Levite's just-published "Looking for Trouble." It recounts how he scooped the world with the news that the El Al plane that crashed on Bulgarian soil on July 27, 1955, had not been the victim of a natural disaster or a mechanical defect, but was deliberately shot down.

JULY 27, about 10.30 a.m. — time for a shower, a hearty breakfast and a well-deserved sleep. "Ma'ariv," for which I worked then, had just "gone to bed," and so could I.

It lasted all of 20 minutes. "They want you urgently! It's an emergency!" My well-trained wife shook me back to consciousness. I picked up the phone, but still couldn't understand what they were telling me. Something about "an El Al plane shot down over Bulgaria, apparently with no survivors." Within seconds I was wide awake and getting the initial details of disaster from my office.

Most of the Israeli coverage — telephone calls to El Al Head Office, Civil Aviation, foreign legations and embassies, and even attempts to call Greece and Bulgaria — fell into my lap as the so-called "aviation correspondent" of the paper.

Like a cavalry horse responding to a bugle, I was itching to go to the scene of the disaster, by hook or by crook. The Bulgarian Legation in Tel Aviv was very helpful, but would give no visa despite the tragedy and the then reasonably correct relationship between Israel and the Communist countries. "You will save time by collecting the visa from our Commercial Mission in Athens. We'll cable Sofia and Athens right away, and you will get it okay."

(The writer then tells of his efforts to fly with an Israeli inquiry commission to Athens, and of the many frustrations before his arrival.)

On arrival in Athens I took a taxi straight to the Bulgarian Trade Commission, their only representation in Greece in those days. Again I drew a complete blank. "Your visa hasn't come through yet. Tell us where you will be staying, so we can phone you when it's in. It was all very polite, and exactly the reply that the Commission of Inquiry had been given a few hours before. It was

also, as was obvious later, a deliberate attempt to gain time, to prepare the site and hide much of the evidence.

The Greek Foreign Ministry was only too willing to help. The site of the disaster was, and still is, a NATO border with an Iron Curtain country, a military zone where no civilians — even if Greek — were permitted. So the Foreign Ministry posed to Army Headquarters the question of how a civilian newspaperman, from a non-NATO country, could be got in there.

I still don't know how it was fixed — but it was. I was to fly at six the next morning by Olympic Airways to Salonika. There I would be met, at the airport, by a certain major who was senior intelligence officer of the Greek Third Army stationed in Macedonia. I was told by a top-ranking officer in Athens that the major had been ordered to extend maximum assistance. And he did.

We — the major, his driver and I — travelled for hours out of Salonika, along progressively narrower roads. At a certain point, we reached a mountain where I was asked to change into the uniform of a Greek soldier. In that camouflage, I was permitted to climb up to one of many observation towers on the Greek Army's Balkan "Magnet Line."

Using Greek Army issue, American-made, powerful binoculars — I suddenly grasped the almost complete extent of the tragedy: no more and no less than the deliberate and premeditated murder of 58 innocent civilians.

El Al Israel Airlines flight LY402, from London to Tel Aviv via Paris and Vienna, carried 51 passengers and a crew of seven. Its captain was Stanley Hineck, an English non-Jew who had served in World War II as a wing commander in the RAF. He arrived in Israel in the winter of 1950/51 to fly for the country's fledgling commercial carrier.

STAN NOW HAD his fiancée — a beautiful Swedish airline hostess — among his passengers. The ill-fated Constellation 4X-AKC was flying through the early morning twilight — it was about 5 a.m. GMT — down the so-called "Yugoslav Air Corridor," when Athens Air Traffic Control picked up a signal from the aircraft: "SOS DE 4X-AKC." Before search and rescue services could go into action, Athens ATC was informed that a plane had been observed falling in flames near the village of Sterbanova in Bulgaria, close to the Greek frontier.

Watching the ghastly sight through binoculars, I was still under the impression created by the first news that the "Comet" had been shot down by Bulgarian anti-aircraft fire when it strayed out of the Yugoslav air corridor because of stormy weather, had visibility and poor light. Captain Hineck's final message, that he was being intercepted by two Bulgarian MIG 15s, was not disclosed.

The six-man Commission of Inquiry had arrived on the spot before noon. Forty-eight hours after submission of their initial request to cross into Bulgaria, three of them were finally allowed over — for a total of six hours in broad daylight, travel time from and to the frontier included. On the ground in Bulgaria the three Israelis met two diplomats from the Israeli Legation in Sofia, the British military attaché, and several stern-faced Bulgarian officers. They saw, as I did from my observation tower, that the Bulgarians had made every effort to cover up the cause of the crash, yet leave the impression that the aircraft had been shot down — perhaps in error — by ground fire. The truth that emerged from eyewitness accounts, and from Greek intelligence officers' tape recordings, was almost impossible to digest: the defenceless Constellation

had indeed been shot down by two pairs of Bulgarian Air Force MIG 15s, but that wasn't all! In Slavoflavour English, the fighter pilots had ordered Stan, who was flying at 18,000 feet, to lower his landing gear and proceed southeast, then northwest to a military airbase west of Sofia. While he complied with their orders, one pair of MIGs suddenly fired their heaviest weapons — 20mm. cannon.

Several minutes later, the Constellation — its cockpit and cabin on fire — was down to 8,000 feet and looking for somewhere to make an emergency landing, when the second attack occurred. The fighter pilots made their third attack at 2,000 feet, when the plane was spinning and twisting out of control. It broke up in mid-air, the debris crashing into Bulgarian soil. There were no survivors.

The scene on the ground told an even more ghastly tale. The 48 hour delay of the Commission's entry had clearly been a tactic to allow thousands of Bulgarian soldiers and villagers time to work. Labouring day and night, they removed bodies or parts of them, sections of the aircraft and luggage — in fact everything that had been pierced by Bulgarian bullets. Beyond any shadow of a doubt, the attacking fighters had made every effort to have the plane crash on Bulgarian soil and, perhaps after realising that they had attacked the wrong plane, without survivors. The job had required the use of machine guns and cannon, and the traces had to be removed.

THE ANT-LIKE operation produced some absurd results. Even from the tower, I could see complete and heavy machine gun fire on flat ground, as if placed with great care with not a crater or skid mark to indicate that they had fallen from the skies. But the Bulgarians did not



The wreckage of the El Al plane.

succesed in removing all the evidence. Enough remained on the ground for the trained and expert eyes of the Commission to see what had happened, enough to reveal the full extent of this unprecedented massacre in the skies.

All of it was confirmed by Greek Intelligence officers, headed by the friendly and helpful Major Rogakos of the Greek Third Army, and even by eye-witnesses on the Yugoslav side. In Bulgaria, the stern-faced officers and their subordinates prevented the Israeli Commission and the diplomats from Sofia from interviewing even a single witness. The official excuse: "They weren't here when it happened."

I was the only journalist in the world who had made it to the scene on either side. Reporters coming from the Yugoslav side had been stopped at Skopje, and sent back to Belgrade. The Bulgarians weren't going to permit any reporters anywhere near the border. And the Greeks had only made one exception to NATO rules — me! I knew the truth, and it was very different from what the world had been believing for three and a half days.

Certain members of the Greek intelligence team played back for me their recordings of radio traffic between the Bulgarian Air Force command post in that sector and the four fighter pilots in the air. What I learned from those tapes was that only two, at most, of the pilots flying MIG 15s with Bulgarian markings were Bulgarians. The others were

Russians! Moreover, I had the reason for the seemingly insane attack on an unarmed Constellation. For several days prior to the attack, another aircraft of the same model as El Al's Constellation had been flying back and forth down the Yugoslav air corridor, always in the pre-dawn twilight. That Constellation — a Lockheed C-54 converted to 049 — had similar markings to those in use in El Al (which would be quietly changed following the Bulgarian disaster), the star and bars of the U.S. Air Force. The American plane, based in Crete, had been carrying out intelligence missions for hours at a time.

According to impeccable information, gathered in and around the spot (which seemed to have as many antennas as trees), the Bulgarians had reported the strange movements of an American Constellation to the nearest Bulgarian squadron, with orders to bring the Comet down next time it strayed into Bulgaria on its espionage mission.

THAT EXPLAINED the first order to Stan Hineck. But the plane had seemed to veer back towards the corridor, and even the Greek end of it, prompting the next clear order in *Exuwan*: "Shoot it down!" The third attack also had its clear explanation. When they realized their initial tragic error, the pilots were ordered to bring the plane down inside

Bulgaria — without any survivors! My Greek major's Jeep got us to sleepy Salonika's telegraph office at 3 a.m. Our furious knocking on a closed wooden door finally woke the operator, whose English was next to nil. The major helped convince him get his Morse machine ready for transmission. I sat in a corner, typing one "take" after another, handing each in turn to the operator together with a Greek coin as token of my appreciation. The stuff hit the "Ma'ariv" office with the impact of a major earthquake.

This was where Dr. Carlebach showed his greatness as an editor. Without any other report or evidence to corroborate my story, he ordered it splashed as a banner. Not long afterwards, the Bulgarians changed their tune. They had initially expressed their regret, but blamed the El Al pilot, even insinuating that being British — and an ex-RAF wing commander to boot — he had deliberately flown a spy mission over Bulgarian territory. Now they admitted their full responsibility, and offered to pay damages, which they finally did — 18 months later! They also allowed the remains to be sent, via Istanbul, for burial in Israel. When the grisly shipment arrived for burial in a mass grave, because identification proved impossible, the bags were found to contain only those bones untouched by bullets.

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Stripes are in for summer

Joanna Yehiel has a look at what some of the top fashion firms in Israel are offering.

WITH so many different looks for this summer — wrap-around skirts, overalls, culottes, smocks, shirtwaisters, tunics, parachute trousers — it's difficult to find a common denominator. But at least two of our local firms have gone overboard for stripes.

Both Dorina and Bennet, whose summer collections should be in the shops now, have put their money on stripes, be they duo- or multi-coloured, wide or narrow, horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

That's where the similarity ends. For Dorina, founded in 1947, is one of our fashion giants, known for its exclusive knitwear, which it designs and produces itself, while Bennet is quite a new star on the fashion horizon.

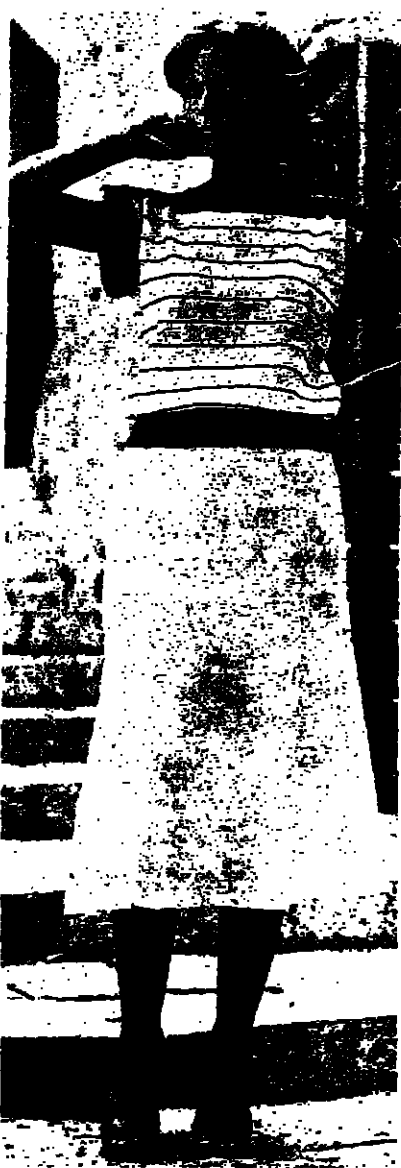
If you buy Dorina, you know that you're getting airy, lightweight knits with first-class attention to detail, especially in the finish (all important in a summer fabric that one is going to wash endlessly).

The firm has just been on a quick selling trip around Europe and the U.S. for its winter collection, and came back, according to founder Ya'akov Leasinger, having done especially well in new — for it — markets in Norway, Denmark and Holland, as well as its old stamping grounds in West Germany and America. "Our major problem is that we can't produce enough to satisfy the buyers," Mr. Leasinger told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We just can't get the workers for the knitting machines."

Dorina's summer wear is almost all in whites, off-whites, and pastels, with dark (black, or red-white-and-blue) stripes. The line is elegant, the styles coming in two- and three-piece suits, with sleeveless or short-sleeved tops, sailor-collared, and the



From Bennet, a new line for the very young to go with mother's outfit. (Dan Brunner)



Dorina is using a lot of white, with stripes in two or three pieces.

skirts only slightly flared and, of course, all to mid-calf. Although established only in 1973, Bennet has already made a name for itself in stripes, with its fabrics, in polyester and cotton, all designed exclusively by and for its own company. This summer, the firm has a new line, for girls of 6 to 14, with styles closely following the adult collection.

Bennet's look for summer concentrates on the wrap-around dress, laced at the back. In fact, laces were in

evidence everywhere, in blouses and draw-string trousers, while buttons were almost totally banished (as they were from recent French ready-to-wear collections for next winter).

It also showed oriental-style tunics, straight skirts slit up the sides, overalls for day or evening, culottes, harem trousers and dresses with mandarin collars, plus halter tops ranging from a "thriller" look. Prices range from about IL210 for blouses to IL450 to IL500 for dresses.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

A year of 'no lording'

Sidra: Aharav mot (Leviticus 18:1-18:30)

RABBI YUDAN of Gailla opened: "Is it you who instructs the vulture to fly high and build its nest aloft? It dwells upon the rock and there it lodges, on the crag of the rock and the stronghold" (Job 39:27) — The Blessed Holy One said to Aaron: Is it by your command that I caused My Shechina (Presence) to rest on the Ark, or is it by your command that I removed My Shechina from the Ark? "It dwells upon the rock" — this is the First Temple; "and there it lodges" — referring to the fact that from Aaron through the 40 years of the First Temple, 16 High Priests, all of the line of Aaron, served in peaceful succession. "...on the crag of the rock and the stronghold" — this is the Second Temple, in whose 420 years more than 80 High Priests served, and whose tenure was marked by assassination and venality.

We are taught (Yoma 53b; Sanhedrin 26b): When the Ark was removed (at the destruction of the First Temple, and not restored in the Second), there was a rock there from the time of the First Prophets (over which the Ark had stood) called the *Even Shechina* (on which the Shechina rested now that there was no Ark).

Here is the prayer the High Priest said on emerging from the Holy of Holies on finishing his ministrations there on Yom Kippur: "May it be Thy will that this shall be a year in which the rains, heat, and dry weather come in due season and measure; a good year; a prosperous year; a year of low prices, plenty of food, and in which plenty of business is done so that Thy people Israel shall not have to be dependent on each other's charitableness; let the Jews not seek to lord it over each other; ignore the prayers of the travellers (that it should not rain)." The rabbis of Caesarea (seat of the Roman occupation government) added: Let our brethren in Caesarea (working for or wishing influence in the Roman corridors of power) not seek to lord it over the rest of us." The rabbis of the South added: "Protect our brethren in the Sharon, so that their houses (built of clay or mud) shall not become their tombs (by collapsing on them from the heavy rains)." (Vayikra Rabba, Mikra edition, 20:4; 21:9).

EACH YEAR on the Shabbat afternoon after Pesach a cycle begins, continuing till the Shabbat before Rosh Hashana, of studying the six "Pirkey Avot" ("Chapters" or "Ethics of the Fathers"). Tomorrow we read in Avot 1:15: Shammai says: Study Torah at regular, fixed times; say little and do much; and receive people cheerfully. M.K.

The IPO at Ein Gev

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Moshe Atzmon conducting; with Yuval Yaron, violin (ESCO Music Centre, Ein Gev — April 17). Orchestral: "Building a King's Stage"; Sibelius: Violin Concerto; Schumann: Symphony No. 1.

NEWER CONCERT halls seem to have made the stage of the Esco Music Centre smaller over the years, and its acoustic shell now appears inadequate. Even with a reduced number of strings, the stage is crowded, and with no raised platforms for the windplayers, sound often tends to be blurred and too compact. But within these limitations, the IPO's performance provided a festive opening to this year's Ein Gev Passover Festival.

Moshe Atzmon paid tribute to Israeli music by giving full attention to a work by one of our most serious composers, which, at first hearing, however, does not seem substantive enough to make an immediate im-

pression on unprepared listeners.

Yuval Yaron, first prize-winner at the recent Helsinki Contest in Helsinki, played his solo part with convincing technical fluency and correct musical expression. His attitude seemed to me to be more one of studied detachment than of emotional involvement. The sound of his violin is often short of fullness; sweetness of tone and richness of volume were wanting, but this may be the ideal he is reaching for. As he is undoubtedly a major talent, his further development and future performance have to be watched to get a clearer picture of Yuval Yaron, the artist.

To close the evening's programme, Moshe Atzmon directed a lively and tuneful reading of Schumann's "Spring" Symphony which rightly evoked great enthusiasm from the capacity audience.

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New offices, new marks

THE POSTAL authorities recently opened a number of new offices to serve the public, and each opening was marked by a new postal cancellation. The first day of the use of the cancellation is noted by the addition of the emblem of the "running stag" near the upper part. After the first day, the cancellation appears without the emblem.

Some of the recent openings are listed below:

February 1: at Um El Fahem, a village about 35 km. south west of Afula.

February 4: at Silwad, an Arab town just north of Jerusalem;

February 9: at Santa Katarina, in the Sinai. This post office will only sell stamps, airletters and postcards and receive regular mail for forwarding. Registered mail will not be processed, and no other types of postal services will be available. The office will be open according to current needs, and will not have fixed hours. The postal cancellation is larger and more ornate than the standard ones. All in all, the office seems to be basically designed for stamp collectors;

March 23: at Kibbutz Kfar Menachem.

The fact that Silwad and Santa Katarina are in the administered areas is indicated by the addition of the upper part of the cancellation, as is customary in all areas under military government.

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June — Camping, IL1.50; Israel Landscapes, Part 1, IL0.00

August — Festivals 5757, IL0.35, 1.20, 1.60; Montreal Olympic Games, IL1.60, 2.00, 3.50

October — Archaeology, Part 1, IL1.30, 2.00, 2.80; Chess Olympics IL1.50, 1.30; Volunteering, IL1.65

December — Archaeology Part II, IL0.60, 4.00; Pioneers, IL0.05, 0.10, 0.40, 0.60, 1.35

February (1977) — Children's Drawings on "Peace," IL0.35, 0.90, 1.65; Art Stamps, IL2.00, 2.00, 2.00. Further details will follow as they become available.

These stamps are in addition to those being released on Sunday in conjunction with the opening of the "Netanya 76" stamp exhibition.



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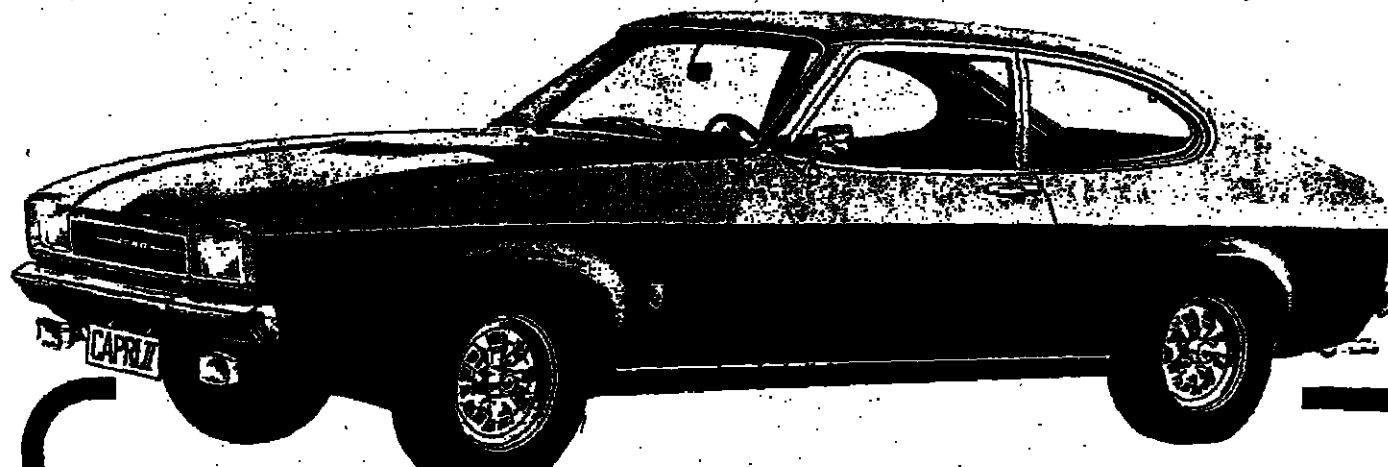
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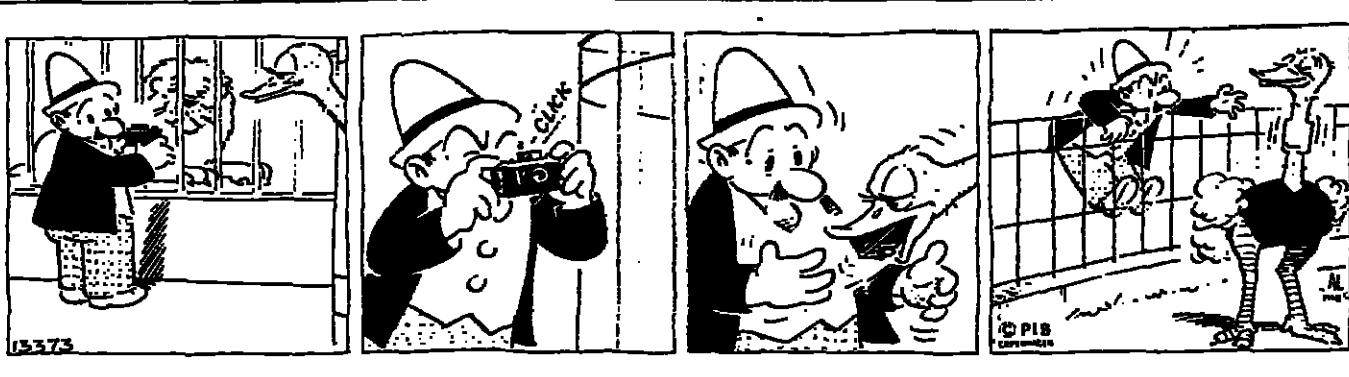
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SETTLEMENT POLICY

WHILE VISITING the new settlements in the Jordan Valley on the last day of Pessah, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin served notice that the River Jordan is — and is to remain — Israel's security border. The settlements of the Valley, he assured their residents, form a line of defence for the State; there would be more such civilian settlements, and all of them would be there for keeps.

Mr. Rabin also indicated that settlement would proceed, with the backing and support of the Government, in the Golan Heights, around Jerusalem, the Hebron Hills, the Rafah Approaches, and Ophira (Sharm el-Sheikh).

The Prime Minister's remarks were not made off-the-cuff; they were deliberate, and they were well-timed. There was no startling novelty in them, to be sure. The definition of the Jordan as the country's security border dates back to the late Levi Eshkol. The notion that Israel will not give up the entire Golan Heights under any circumstances is part of the national consensus. The Alignment's "oral law" already embraced the other areas mentioned. And it need hardly be reiterated that the status of Jerusalem is beyond any legitimate dispute, as far as Israel is concerned.

But the entire problem of settlement beyond the "green line" is now slated for high-level discussion, first within the Alignment — that debate has just started — and shortly afterwards within the Government. The debate would aim at laying down a firm and consistent policy, which would be fitted into the overall design of Israel's agenda for peace with its neighbours.

Certainly the Prime Minister's views will weigh for a great deal in the final outcome. Mr. Rabin appears to be staking out a claim to the middle-road between "maximalists" and "minimalists." By carefully excluding the bulk of Judea and Samaria from his list of areas scheduled for settlement, he has clearly rejected the slogan of "national patrimony" as a viable basis for a national policy. He has lent no encouragement to the followers of Gush Emunim, nor to those cabinet members who merely find no biblical sanction for banning Jewish settlement in any part of Eretz Yisrael.

At the same time Mr. Rabin has taken an unequivocal stand against the conception — now the official American doctrine, in fact — which presumes to find sufficient security for Israel in merely slight modifications of the old 1949 armistice frontier. The "green line" may not be "a scar on the face of the homeland," as one minister has suggested, but it is certainly a military absurdity under any conditions. It is completely unacceptable both as a future border, and as the limit of Jewish settlement.

It should come as no surprise if Mr. Rabin's essentially moderate views win a large measure of acceptance, and emerge as binding Government decision. They will, of course, be challenged on both sides: while "hawks" may attempt to enlarge the area of settlement beyond the confines of Mr. Rabin's tentative map, "doves" are likely at least to question the wisdom of treating every single settlement as non-negotiable. Mr. Rabin himself, after all, has indicated that some of the existing settlements on the Golan Heights could be removed in a full-fledged peace agreement with the Syrians.

Mr. Rabin's latest remarks are not necessarily the Government's final say in every regard. But it is safe to conclude that they enjoy the support of a large majority of the nation.

Where to settle is not a private matter

MR. BEGIN attributes to me the statement that it would be a "courageous decision" to "evict" the "settlers of Elon Moreh." All the words in quotation marks fall under the heading of inaccuracy by calculated misquotation. This is not a very elevated political habit. It goes far to explain why the electorate has withheld its confidence from the Herut party for nearly three decades.

There is as yet no "settlement" at Elon Moreh and no decision to establish one. Mr. Begin and I must surely accept the Government's word on this factual point. When Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres agree on something let us endorse their harmony before it is too late. At the moment they both tell us that there are civilians in an army camp awaiting a decision about their future.

To ask civilians to avoid permanent residence in an army camp is not "eviction," but normality. What I have proposed is that instead of living unproductively in an army headquarters in Samaria, the sincere Zionists at Kaddum should be offered the opportunity of pioneering settlement in a place which the Government judges desirable for such settlement — whether it be in Galilee, the Negev, Golan, the Jordan Valley, or elsewhere.

I certainly do not believe that it would require "courage" for the Government to insist that a decision to settle in Samaria belongs to the public responsibility, and not to the domain of private choice. What is required here is not a special "courage," but a normal quota of sovereign self-assertion.

I could respect a candid decision by the Government to settle all over Samaria, although I would regard it as a monumental mistake. I would respect a candid decision by the Government to follow the policy adopted when Mr. Begin was a Minister, namely, to avoid establishing any settlements in Samaria. What neither he nor I should respect is a passive surrender of jurisdiction in a matter affecting Israel's social identity, its international relations, and the disposition of its security forces.

The vision of Jewish settlement in an undivided Land of Israel has a great nobility. It speaks to us from the depths of our nation's memory and consciousness. But the ambition

Abba Eban, M.K., replies here to an article by Likud leader Menahem Begin on this page last Sunday, and asks: Do we aspire to a Jewish democracy, or does our vision include a million Arab non-citizens held in an unwanted union with us forever?

of peace, with a voluntary limitation in the exercise of historic rights, is also a paramount Jewish ideal. Our national history in this land records different and various moods, but it is constant in the prophetic idea of peace. The habit of invoking every verse in our literature except those that speak of peace, humility, and universal fraternity is a blasphemous abuse of historic and literary integrity. As I said early in 1973, "The problem is not how to define our undoubted historic rights, but how to bring those rights into a viable balance with the rights of others — and with our own right to eventual peace."

Mr. Begin finds it excruciatingly necessary to remind the world that we are not "cringing Jews." But to assert gratuitously that we are not "cringing Jews" is itself an advanced form of cringing. Mr. Begin is full of what our juniors call "hang-ups." His reference to "Ministers of Jewish extraction or Gentle Ambassadors has gone written all over it. Whether Ministers or Ambassadors of the United States are of Jewish extraction (whatever that means), or Gentiles is really none of Mr. Begin's business or of mine. Mr. Begin does not yet seem to have come to terms either with American pluralism or with an Israeli nationhood in which non-cringing is so axiomatic as to preclude the necessity of asserting it. In order not to cringe it is not necessary to strut.

THE DEEPER ISSUE is concerned not with our foreign relations but with our own autonomous vision of Israel. Do we aspire to a Jewish

democracy, or does our vision include a million Arab non-citizens held, by the sole circumstance of force, in an unwanted union with us forever? I have debated this with Mr. Begin on television before and would willingly do so again. But this time we do not only need debate. We need decision. The Labour Party will dishonour its past and lose its future if it does not promulgate one of these visions as clearly as Mr. Begin declares the other.

In the meantime Mr. Begin is sustained by the existence of "influential circles in the U.S. to whom we can turn in the confident hope that we will get a sympathetic hearing." It would be useful if, after his own prolonged and talented efforts, he would give us the names of, say, half a dozen Senators who believe that Israel's long-term security requires or justifies a permanent Israeli jurisdiction over the million Arab non-citizens in the area which all Israeli governments (including that in which Mr. Begin served) have decided not to bring under Israeli law.

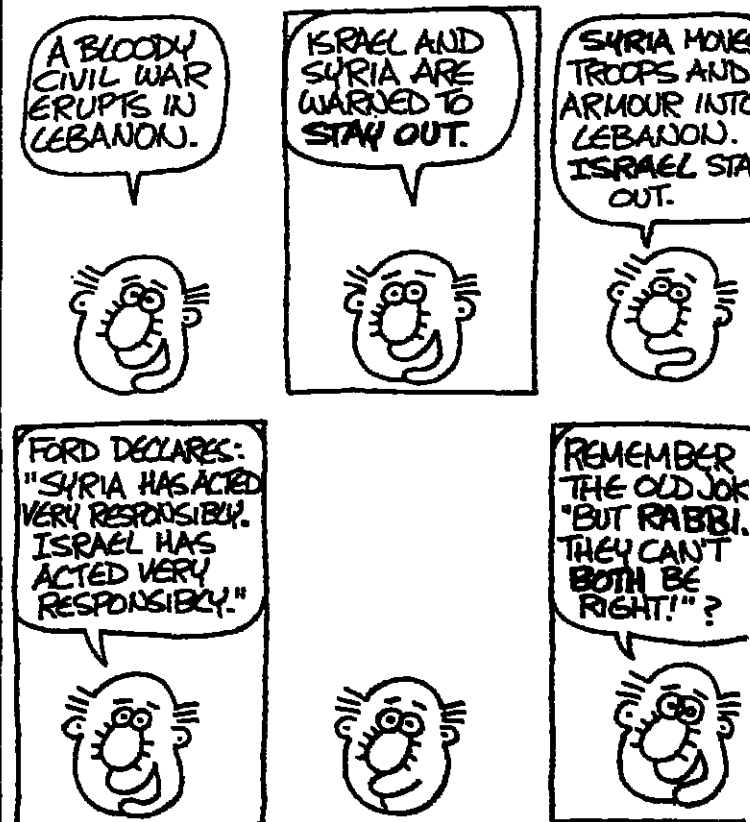
It would be even more helpful if Mr. Begin would "cool it" — to use another post-contemporary expression. He still has a tendency to mount his figurative horse — or motor-cycle — and threaten us all with "a bloody adventure of which there has never been one more dreadful."

The talk of "blood" is worse than frivolous. If the Government decides not to have any settlements in places where it thinks them undesirable there will be no "blood." To believe otherwise is to assume the absurdity that idealistic Zionists, or for that matter ordinary patriotic citizens, would forcibly resist a legitimate injunction by their own Government in a matter falling within the public jurisdiction.

Why should Mr. Begin defame the members of Gush Emunim by such an invidious implication? Am I not right in assuming that he himself, with the full weight of his personal prestige, would exhort all citizens to comply peacefully even with authorized decisions of which he disapproves?

If this is not a correct assumption — we ought to know. Where and why does he predict the "blood"? And what is his precise doctrine about the compelling force of the Israeli sovereignty which he and countless others struggled hard to attain?

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

WHAT ENVOY TOON ACTUALLY SAID

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Malcolm Toon is a hypocrite to complain about the right of Israel to publish the fact, amongst members of our Congress, that Ford and Kissinger made promises of aid to Israel which they are now dishonestly refusing to deliver. And if Toon's complaint is approved by Ford and Kissinger, they too are hypocrites. Because, it was just a few months ago that King Hussein, in an unprecedented act for a foreign head of state, personally wrote letters directly to all our Senators in the U.S., warning them not to oppose the Administration's plans to sell him Hawk missiles.

Can you imagine what would have happened had the Israeli head of state by-passed our President and Secretary of State with letters of warning sent directly to U.S. legislators? Yet, we heard no public reprimand of Hussein from Toon, Ford, Kissinger, or an unnamed State Department or U.S. government spokesman. On the contrary Hussein was rewarded by Ford and Kissinger who continued to press our legislators to give him his missiles.

LEON PERLSWEIG
Los Angeles.
EDITOR'S NOTE
We have received a number of readers' letters taking exception to remarks attributed to Ambassador Toon, in a report of an interview, from which it could be inferred that he said that anti-Semitism could arise in the U.S. as a result of an "inflexible" Israeli policy. The interview was published in the

latest edition of the Be monthly "Migvan."
To prevent any further pretension of the Ambassador's remarks we give below the Q and A. It is, of course, not Israel's to have a special in the Jewish community in the States. Do you think that the America traces of anti-Semitism do you think there is any danger they may be becoming a menace?

A: I don't myself know evidence that would indicate anti-Semitism was growing in the United States. I think it's in for all of us to understand if American public should feel or wrongly, that the Israeli is being a little bit stubborn in its requirements in this process, then I think you would be the bases for the development anti-Israeli feeling among American public. Therefore it's important for you to be able as your own security requirements will permit you working out your policies in of the world.

Q: Well, could that mean American Jewish community be held responsible in any the actions of the Government?
A: Perhaps it shouldn't think that it's entirely possible some elements among the American public opinion would that view.

MASSACRE OF THE ARMENIANS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Tomorrow, April 24, will be the 61st anniversary of the Turkish massacre of the Armenians, when a million and a half unfortunate people were wiped out in cold blood. Genocide is not new to the world, but few cases have been as terrible as this one.

Today, the Armenians who managed to flee are dispersed all over the world, welcome in their new homes, but they remember the looting and burning of their homes, the burning alive of their menfolk, the rape of their womenfolk. They asked for reparations at least, but no one will listen to them. The Turks themselves try to avoid the issue by

a flat denial of everything. Armenians are asked to forget holocaust.
The Armenians cannot forget the world.
ASHKEN DEN
Jerusalem

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Exploiting Elazar's death

DAVAT (Histadrut), discussing the memorandum sent by the late Lieut. Gen. David Elazar to the Prime Minister and released after his death, hopes that "we are not drifting into another 'affair' which no one really wants and which the State is certainly not interested in fostering."

"The memorandum, which 'Dado' himself was careful to keep secret, confirms the severe criticism levelled against the Agranat Commission two years ago. However, the arguments on ministerial responsibility and double standards have been heard before, even though the memorandum contains emphases as seen from Dado's personal angle. But there is no justification for the demand to set up a new commission of inquiry. Other issues are of far greater relevance today, and the Agranat Commission's findings must now be left to the historians. Elazar himself certainly would not have sought rehabilitation through the painful process of a new investigation into the Yom Kippur War."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) disagrees with this view, saying that "the grave injustice" against Elazar contained in the Agranat Commission's findings calls for a new investigation to establish the whole truth. "Why did the Commission sidestep the political echelon? Why

was all the blame placed on the shoulders of this one man whose opinion, as so many facts show, was rejected at the outbreak of war? If it had been accepted, the entire course of the war might have been different. Why was the man most to blame — Moshe Dayan — cleared?

"Those concerned for justice and the truth should see to it that the work begun by Elazar is completed after his death. It is not only an obligation to the man, but is needed in order to remove a stigma, to prevent a recurrence of authority, competence and responsibility."

HATZOFE (National Religious), while agreeing that the facts and conclusions contained in the memorandum should be examined either at government level or by a legal body (if the Agranat Commission as such has ceased to exist), says there is no justification for lifting the secrecy from classified material. "There are reasons for suspecting that publication of the memorandum, pointing up the injustice committed against Elazar, was intended to create the impression that the Agranat Commission and Moshe Dayan are now to be judged by the public." However, publication of the material is unfair to the members of the Commission. The paper regrets that "Elazar's untimely death has been exploited in this manner."

IN THE Alignment Executive talks that began yesterday, Mapam expects to find support among the Labour "doves" in its bid to change the Alignment agreement. The resolutions of the Mapam political committee urge a radical turn to a "peace initiative," which would involve considerable territorial concessions in the West Bank. On this issue, says Naftali Feder, Mapam's political secretary, "Ben-Aharon and Ofer in fact speak our language."

There was disappointment in Mapam over Labour's Leadership Bureau decision that the talks on the future of the Alignment would be in the framework of the Alignment Executive. This is high enough a level, indeed, with Prime Minister Rabin and Finance Minister Rabinowitz listed on Labour's side for the purpose of negotiations. But Mapam had envisaged an ad hoc parity committee, a sort of conference between equals. Psychologically, this would symbolize the intention of making a fresh start.

The "pact" between Labour and Mapam was signed at the end of 1968. A great deal has changed, both internally and externally in the intervening years. "Sadat is no Nasser, things are on the move in the Middle East, and Mapam expects the Government to make a real effort for peace by showing open-mindedness and a readiness for sacrifice."

IN THE HISTADRUT, the performance of the Alignment has been much more satisfying. Feder feels. Yerucham Meshel, the Histadrut's secretary general, takes a line acceptable to Mapam on most issues. To have this sort of cooperation in the Government would, however, be impossible as long as Labour is split from within. As a way of healing the split, Mapam proposes that the influence of Labour "hawks" should be drastically reduced.



Mapam's Naftali Feder... expects Labour to oblige.

Does Mapam have any indication that its peace plan would be acceptable to the Arabs? "No," admits Feder. "We don't. But we want to be sure that we have done our best." In any case, the publication of Israel's readiness to negotiate with non-terrorist Arabs who recognize Israel's right to exist, should help restore Israel's dwindling support among the nations. The same purpose would also be served by putting an end to the unapproved settlement in the administered areas.

On one point Mapam is quite adamant. Labour must cease "any action" towards implementation of electoral reform. This long-mooted measure is viewed as a "guillotine" aimed at medium-sized and minor

parties, including Mapam. As might be expected from a political secretary, Feder has only the party's official resolutions to fall back on. But does he really expect Labour to oblige by accepting Mapam's programme?

"We are realistic enough to know that no party to a negotiation can force its views completely on the other party. What we're seeking is a consensus on a number of basic principles. We have no desire to split the labour movement, for we're well aware of the danger that this may pose to prospects of continued labour leadership in Israel's political life."

One third of Mapam's membership has been opposed to the idea of the Alignment from the very beginning, and today remains as opposed as ever. An important group of Mapam's leadership, however, wants to keep the Alignment, on condition that Mapam gets a larger say in its decision making. This group includes veterans Meir Ya'ari and Ya'akov Kasan.

Mapam is going to hold its national convention on June 9, and it would obviously like to reach a new understanding with Labour before that date. Then, if the "quitters" prevail at the convention, Mapam would want enough time to prepare to go to the polls on its own. Might Mapam leave the Alignment even before the end of the present term of the Knesset? That is too early to speculate. "We see, we want the Alignment to go on strong," says Naftali Feder.

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